TRANSMITTAL LETTER Docket No. MCAJ101CIP (General - Patent Pending) In Re Application Of: JAMES KENNETH MCALPINE Application No. Customer No. Group Art Unit Confirmation No. Examiner Filing Date 9934 10/785,581 **BOCHNA, DAVID E.** 21,658 3679 02/23/2004 Title: FLEXIBLE PIPING CONNECTOR **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is: RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF DATED 12/28/2005 **CORRECTED APPEAL BRIEF** RECEIVED JAN 1 0 2006 U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES in the above identified application. X No additional fee is required. A check in the amount of is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. Charge the amount of Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional fee required. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

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## Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed December 28, 2005, please find a corrected Appeal Brief which corrects the deficiencies outlined in the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief which are:

The "summary of the invention" section has been renamed to "summary of the claimed subject matter," and the claimed subject matter has been summarized with references to the specification and drawings; a "grounds of rejection" section has been included; an "evidence of appendix" and a "related proceedings appendix" have both been included; the arguments in relation to claim 15 have been reinserted under a separate heading in the Arguments section; and a clean copy of the claims in their current form is provided without wording such as (previously amended).

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U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES Applicant respectfully submits that the aforementioned changes are fully responsive to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief. If there are any questions with regard to this submission, the undersigned party may be reached at the number provided below.

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